

R432. Health, Health Systems Improvement, Licensing.

R432-14. Birthing Center Construction Rule.

R432-14-1. Legal Authority.

This rule is adopted pursuant to Title 26, Chapter 21.

R432-14-2. Purpose.

This rule provides construction and physical plant standards for birthing centers.

R432-14-3. General Design Requirements.

(1) Birthing centers shall be constructed in accordance with the requirements of R432-4-1 through R432-4-23 and the requirements of section 5.2 of the Guidelines for Design and Construction of Health Care Facilities, 2010 edition (Guidelines) and are adopted and incorporated by reference.

(2) Birthing Centers shall consist of at least two, but not more than five birthing rooms.

(3) Birthing rooms and ancillary service areas shall be organized in a contiguous physical arrangement.

(4) Birthing Centers shall comply with NFPA 101, Life Safety Code, Chapter 20, New Ambulatory Health Care Occupancies.

(5) A Birthing Center located contiguous with a general hospital may share radiology services, laboratory services, pharmacy services, engineering services, maintenance services, laundry services, housekeeping services, dietary services, and business functions. The owner shall retain in the Birthing Center a written agreement for the shared services.

R432-14-4. General Construction Patient Facilities.

(1) Requirements of section 5.2 of the Guidelines shall be met except as modified in this section.

(2) When a modification is cited, the modification supersedes conflicting requirements of the Guidelines.

(3) The facility shall be designed to allow access to service areas and common areas without compromising patient privacy.

(4) Patient rooms and service areas shall be grouped to form a physically defined service unit.

(5) Spaces shall be provided for each of the required services.

(6) Interior finishes, lighting, and furnishings shall reflect a residential rather than an institutional setting.

(7) Maximum room occupancy shall be one mother and her newborn infant or infants.

(8) Each birthing room shall have a window in accordance with R432-4-23(5). Windows with a sight line which permits observation from the exterior shall be arranged or draped to ensure patient privacy.

(9) Patient rooms shall provide each patient a wardrobe, closet, or locker, having minimum clear dimensions of 24 inches by 20 inches, suitable for hanging full-length garments. A clothes rod and adjustable shelf shall be provided.

(10) A toilet room with direct access from the birthing room shall be accessible to each birthing room.

(a) The toilet room shall contain a toilet, a lavatory, and a shower or tub.

(b) A toilet room may serve two patient rooms.

(c) All toilet room fixtures shall be handicapped accessible and shall have grab bars in compliance with ADA/ABA-AG.

(11) Newborn infant resuscitation facilities, remote from facilities serving the mother, including electrical receptacles, oxygen, and suction shall be immediately available to each birthing room in addition to resuscitation equipment provided for the mother. Portable oxygen and suction equipment shall be permitted.

(12) A separate room for storage of maintenance materials and equipment shall be provided.

(a) The room may serve as a maintenance office with storage for maintenance files, facility drawings, and operation manuals.

(b) The storage room shall be in addition to the required environmental services room.

(13) Special surgical lighting is not required.

(14) An examination light shall be provided in each patient room. The light, if portable, shall be immediately accessible.

(15) An emergency electrical system connected to an on-site emergency generator is required.

(a) Services shall be connected to the emergency generator to include:

(i) fire alarm system;

(ii) telephone;

(iii) nurse call;

(iv) one duplex receptacle in each patient room located to allow use of a portable examination light;

(v) one duplex receptacle at each nurse station;

(vi) heating system;

(vii) emergency lighting system.

(b) There shall be sufficient fuel storage capacity to permit at least four hours continuous operation.

R432-14-5. Sections of the Guidelines which are Excluded.

The following sections of the Guidelines do not apply:

(1) Location, Subsection 5.2-1.3.1.1

(2) Ventilation of Health Care Facilities, Part 6.

R432-14-6. Penalties.

The Department may assess a civil money penalty of up to \$10,000 and deny approval for patient utilization of new or remodeled areas denied if a health care provider does not submit architectural drawings to the Bureau of Licensing. The Department may assess a civil money penalty of up to \$10,000 if the licensee fails to follow Department-approved architectural plans. The Department may assess a civil money penalty of up to \$1,000 per day for each day a new or renovated area is occupied prior to licensing agency approval.

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